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We take pleasure in laying before parallel in the annals of war. The sound

by Lieut. Charles Heywood.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 25th, 1847. it to consist of Passed Midshipmen McLan- them from cover in that immediate direction. were augmented by about 20 Californians, ing an attempt to cut off all communication who, coming in for protection, volunteered between the two houses by firing at any body their services and done as well as could be who attempted to pass. expected of raw hands. The situation of the Mission House is in many respects a good one, but there is one house cornering upon Their plan as we have since ascertained,

I hand you also a copy of my reply. Upon unteer.

scarcely answered on our part as the limited waved above them. supply of amunition rendered it prudent to little damage although their shot generally struck the buildings which we occupied, shiv
27 mariners, 15 seamen, of whom 5 were on men and sallied out upon them drove them the desired reform.

There was then a cessation of firing for unteers who at least served to swell our of them and marched on to join the Cyane's some time our party remaining under arms numbers. From that date the enemy were men who with Capt. Du Pont at their head Plain and Sancy Book and Job Printing our readers Lieut. Charles Heywood's reo'clock at night the sentry on Mott's house communication with the interior and driving were small detached parties of the enemy momentarily expecting an attack. About 10 continually in sight of us intercepting all had now drawn quite near to us. There ports of the several attacks on San Jose, challenged and fired and this was answered offall the cattle from the neighborhood. A hovering about and firing at them, but the Lower California. They will be found to by a shower of balls and a simultaneous at- party of our men who went out to endeavor main body of the enemy had been broken contain a much more succint account of op- tack front and rear of the two houses; a to obtain cattle were driven in and narrowly up and retired to las Animas. The march strong effort was made in the rear of Mott's escaped being cut off. We succeeded in of the Cyane's men to our relief through an erations there than any thing before publish- but was paid back in their own coin, and obtaining a few cows however which were enemy so vastly their superior in numbers, well mounted and possessing every advan-VISITING, BUSINESS AND ADDRESS CARDS ed. The gallant conduct of Lieut. Hey- they were successively beat from this posi- very necessary to us in the reduced state of well mounted and possessing every advanwood and the officers and men under tion and from a concentrated attempt from our provision, as in addition to our garrison tage in knowledge of the ground, was cerhis command—their indomitable persever- the south end of the main street where they we were obliged in humanity to sustain tainly an intrepid exploit as creditably perance and bravery under the trying circum- had posted their cannon upon the front of the some fifty women and children who sought formed as it was skilfully and boldly planned Mission House and which was returned upon our protection in the greatest distress. I and reflects the greatest honor on all constances in which they were placed—finds no them from the different quarters under Ste- found it necessary as soon as our fresh beef cerned. It resulted more fortunately for us vens and Oceltree and Mr. Warley who had was consumed to put all hands on half al- in our harrassed situation. They had but judgment, coolness and intrepid bravery dis- charge of the gun, but the enemy soon en- lowance of salt provisions. We had no four wounded. This cannot be termed any played by Commander Dupont and the offi- sconced themselves behind corners and walls bread. On the 4th of February the enemy thing but the most remarkable good luck cers and men of the Cyane during the bat- and in the adjacent buildings, from whence closed round us more and commenced firing considering the severe fire that this heroic tles at San Jose reflects great credit upon the night, many of their balls passing through holes. On the morning of the 6th the enemy we have not positively ascertainthem. The accounts of their heroic deeds the port-holes and splintering the inner walls appeared to be a little scattered, a consider- ed; we hear of 13 killed with certainty, and will be read with interest by every Ameri- in every direction. It was the only wish able force being seen riding about some dis- general report says 35, wounded not known. can and will command for all concerned a breathed by officers and men for close quar- tance from the town, and at the same time Of the total loss of the enemy in their atters, but before daylight the enemy retired a strong party of those posted at the lower tacks upon the quartel I cannot speak with high place in the estimation of their country- having lost two killed and a number wound- end of the street were keeping up an annoy- certainty. We have found several graves ed. On our part only three were touched, ing fire upon us. I judged this a favorable and know of a number wounded, one of whom The despatches which we publish below one a marine, Thos. Smith attached to the opportunity to make a sortic upon them, and we have in the quartel. I suppose their toare addressed to Com. Shubrick ond signed U. S. ship Cyanne, having a finger shot off taking 25 men with me closed with them and tal loss to be not far from 15 killed and maand a ball passing through both legs below dislodged them, driving them into the hills, ny wounded. It could not have been less the hips. This man has suffered much but is now doing well under the hands of the or- and returned to the quartel. On the morn- slightly wounded. There remained but one Sir,-In obedience to your order on my derly sergeant, who in consequence of our ing of the 8th it was reported to me that the officer to my assistance, Passed Midshipman arrival in San Jose on the 8th inst. I took being unprovided with a surgeon amputated enemy had broken into the houses in the George A. Stevens, who for his coolness and up my quarters and hoisted the flag at the his finger and dressed his wounds. On our main street and that there was some proper- indefatigable zeal at a time when so much Old Mission House standing upon the rise of part we gave it to them only when they ty exposed which might be secured. I took devolved upon him, I am most happy to acground at the north end of the town. The showed themselves, and I must accord the a party of men and went down and brought cord him the highest credit, and at the same position appeared a good one for defence, greatest credit to officers and men for the but the building was in a dilapidated state coolness which throughout the several atand the roof giving way from the effects of tacks they sustained a hot fire and avoided the distant firing took place, but no injury was although suffering from illness, never detime. I was obliged to prop up those of the waste of amunition as far as possible. The sustained. On the same day hearing that serted his post and was with me in the sortie cross timbers which were broken, by stand- only men who seemed to fire without a defi- that there were some stores of rice and to- of the 7th. The non-commissioned officers ing pillars in the centre for a support as a nite object were the few California volun- bacco in a house some 300 yards down the and men went through privation, unceasing precaution against accident from the concus- teers on the roof; but Stevens and Oceltree main street I determined upon an effort to watchfulness and danger, without a murmur sion of the gun, there being apprehension of soon checked this and learned them to take obtain them and sallied out with 30 men .- and with one spirit of resistance to the last. the whole falling in, and as the outer walls the matter more coolly by setting them a These were immediately fired upon from sev- I cannot express too highly my satisfaction in were much weakened, and the interior ex- good example. Mr. Warley having little op- eral different quarters, and some sharp fight- their conduct. Capt. Dupont immediately posed by an unnecessary number of widows portunity of firing the nine pounder was kept ing ensued, resulting in the death of one of upon his arrival here becoming aware of our and doors, I had these with the exception of a occupied by a few of the enemy's sharp- my volunteers, shot through the heart. We situation as regards provision took measures main entrance front and parallel door behind shooters, who sheltered by the adobic house charged down the end of the street and drove for our supply. The day following the batbetween which I run a platform for a nine- of the captain of the port, kept up a fire the enemy to the cover of a cornfield at the tle of San Vincente, he despatched a train pounder) all filled up with masonry, only within thirty yards of the east wing of the outside of the town, where they were consid- which brought us by hand (the enemy bavleaving port-holes for musketry front and building. Mr. McLanahan and his volun- erably reinforced and recommenced a hot ing driven off all the mules and horses) a rear. The roof I arranged for the best post teers were not idle, and having cut a hole fire, but we were enabled to save a part of quantity of stores and articles of which we sible protection of those who should be inter- through Mott's house and picked two port- the articles which we were in search of, stood most in need; among the rest bread, ested with its defence. Upon reviewing the holes through the south end annoyed the enavailable force under my command I found emy extremely with the carbines and drove ahan, Warley, Stevens and Oceltree, 1 ser- The following day remained quiet until dark geant, I corporal, and I8 marines. These the enemy making no demonstration except-

> it (Mr. Mott's) in a dangerous proximity and was as follows. Antonio Mejares with three equally strong, which in case of falling into cannon and forty picked men as the forlorn I am happy to draw your attention. This at the sides did actually creep up and gain port-holes. small party maintained a stand very credita- their ambush. It was about 11 o'clock at much, but the conclusion which I was able leader fell mortally wounded across his bo- bear willing testimony to his worth. to arrive at proved to be substantially cor- dy, and deprived of their head and leader the preparations for a movement of some kind .-

wards retained as their head-quarters. From ever proved deficient in candor in this resistance, the enemy being so vastly superior ty, which will be violated on the first opportunity of the control of wards retained as their head-quarters. From this I should have thought proper to have disloged them at the point of the bayonet had not the disparity of numbers been to great to admit of such a measure my only reliable one severely wounded. I must in justice redaylight we became aware that the Cyane daylight we became aware that the Cyane was landing men. They soon commenced the constitution. When the means must be force for a charge being confined to the offi-cers and marines.

With morald to make the same opposed by a scattering fire, then the enemy opposed by a scattering fire opposed by a scattering fire opposed by a scattering fire opposed by a scatte

ering the cornice and splintering the walls. the sick list, beside some 20 California vol- from cover, killed one and wounded several building from the rear.

from La Paz came in sight and anchored, rendered us. but a canoe which was enticed towards the shore by a white flag, displayed by the enemy, was fired upon and the schooner immediately got under way.

On the 10th the enemy had entire posses-Ship Chandlery and General Merchandise, the hands of an enemy would afford a shel- hope was to charge the front of the house walls, and occupying the church in our rear, ter from which we might be constantly har- and sustaining the fire of the nine pounder held a high and commanding position (havrassed, and therefore notwithstanding the rush in and endeavor to capture the gun, at ing hoisted their flag on Galendo's house) smallness of my force I deemed it quite ne- the same time that 100 men under Angulo which exposed our back yard and the kitch- cause. It will be a pleasing but mournful cessary to defend it. For this purpose I Morano and Vincente Mexica with ladders en to a raking fire, which from this time satisfaction to his friends to know that he stationed there twelve of the volunteer Cali- and crow-bars were to scale the walls on the forth was almost incessant from all quarters fornians under Passed Midshipman McLana- three other sides while our attention was di- upon us, the least exposure of person creahan, assisted by Eugene Gillespie, Esq., a rected in front, and gaining the roof and cut- ting a target for fifty simultaneous shots. The merchant of this place and a gentleman who ting down all those posted there cut holes in enemy appeared to have some excellent ri- praise of the gallantry and bravery of the U. has rendered me essential service, and the ceiling fire down, thus placing us in a fles among other arms and some of them S. Naval Officers in the Pacific squadron. throughout the subsequent events exerted desperate situation. The result of this scheme proved themselves tolerable sharp-shooters, History will record many deeds of daring and himself to oblige us with a cordiality to which was as follows. The parties in the rear and sending their balls continually through our

On the 11th the fire was warm but on our ble to them in the hot charge which was night that we became aware of the presence part it was rarely that we got sight of them. made in the rear of Mott's house on the first of the enemy in front, and immediately they In the afternoon of this day we had to la- cause. attack, which will be referred to hereafter .- made their charge to the sound of trumpets. ment the death of Passed Midshipman Mc-I deemed every precaution necessary which Our cannon, charged with grape and canis- Lanahan attached to the U. S ship Cyane, was within my power, and for this purpose I ter, was reserved for the last moment, but a ball striking him in the right side of the put the volunteers under drill and endeavor- our musketry opened upon them, and 'give it neck a little below the thyroid cartilege, ed to improve them as marksmen. This class to them was the cry.' Almost at the same in- lodged in the left shoulder. He died in of men are not generally very effective, but stant three fell dead, the first and foremost about two hours. He was a young officer of they serve at all events to swell the numbers among them being Antonio Mejares, com- the greatest promise-energetic, of much and present a broader front. The news mandant of artillery, shot through the head. forethought for his age, and brave to temeri- member the announcement made in our colwhich I received regarding the enemy varied Another stooping to bear away their fallen ty. All lamented his untimely fate and all umns some time since of Reform Meetings in

On the morning of the 12th at daylight we rect—which was that the entire force in arms rest fled disconcerting the entire movement discovered that the enemy had thrown up a in Paris twelve hundred electors were presagainst us did not vary much from three and discouraging them from any further ac- breastwork upon the sand about 150 yards to ent. Speeches were made denouncing the hundred men, and that a descent was intend- tive effort during the remainder of the night. the N. E. of the quartel, and entirely com- government of Louis Philippe, and the Mared by the whole or a part upon this place.— The next morning, 21st, two sail appeared manding our watering place. We fired sev-sellaise Hymn was sung. In fact I was not long left in doubt on this in sight and we perceived among the enemy eral round shot at it with little effect. We succeeded in getting in some water at night, On the morning of the 19th day the enemy We saw a party of fifty horse detach and but at great hazard, the enemy being in were reported within a league; at 8 o'clock, ride towards the beach. We were then un- strong force kept a close watch upon us .- sions of faith made almost with violence, una small troop of cavalry were seen advancing der the impression that an attempt was in- Their force was over 300 speaking within der the very eyes and control of the police, and shortly after five finely mounted and tended to prevent boats from landing, but the bounds. I immediately commenced digging indicate a degree of popular disquietude equipped horsemen, bearing a white flag, rest soon struck their flag and took the La a well in the rear of Mott's house, which is presented themselves upon the summit of a Paz road and when the ship Magnolia ansmall clevation called la Lomita, distant chored they had all disappeared. No doubt through rock, and judged that we should great movements of the people have always. some 340 yards to the southward of the bar- the discharge of two guns on board assisted have to dig about 20 feet. I thought it im- commenced after such proceedings. Never, racks. To meet this I despatched Passed them in the belief that it was a ship of war. prudent to blast as the enemy suspecting our since 1830, if the discourse of M. Rollin to Midshipman McLanahan with an equal es- They did not leave however without a part- intention would throw every obstacle in our cort, and received through him a communi- ing shot at us and not to be deficient in court- way. The men worked cheerfully on this cation containing a summons to surrender, a esy a horseman was knocked from his sad- and the succeeding day against all difficulcopy of which I hand you; enclosed to this dle by a rifle shot from Mr Gillespie, a volties. Our situation was becoming an em- energetic language as that of M. Barrot and inently critical one, having with the greatest Duvergier. the receipt of this the party retired, the flag As regards their total loss the enemy con- economy but four days water. On the 14th of truce being replaced by the Mexican tri- fess to six killed and two mortally wounded we continued digging for water. We found and a number wounded, but we have already that the enemy had thrown up a second At 3 o'clock, P. M., a cloud of dust was counted eight new graves near their camp, breast work more to the westward giving descried distant some two miles on the La and the Californians here assure us that the them a cross fire upon our watering place. General Commission Merchants for the Coast Paz road and soon after the enemy's advanced guard of cavalry appeared scouring as many more wounded. Men who have tel during the day. At 3 1-2 o'clock P. M. the underwood to the right and left of the come in since their departure speak of a sail was reported in sight which proved to road. The whole force amounting to one number of litters carried by them and wound- be the U.S. ship Cyane. She anchored after hundred and fifty mounted men, soon after ed men who could hardly maintain the sad-sundown. It was of course a joyful sight to took up a position upon the small hill la Lo- dle. I think it doubtful if we shall ever ar- us to see friends so near, but I was appremita already referred to and which they after-

though we found that the enemy had antici- and has since been unceasing in his exerpated us in this object baving forced the tions for our relief. I cannot too earnestly express the obligations which we are under On the afternoon of the following day for the prompt and efficient assistance which Ritchies schooner having provisions for us Capt. Du Pont his officers and crew have

Many of our readers will remember the lamented McLanahan, who during his term of service in the Pacific has spent some time on our sunny shores. He fell while battling sion of the town, they had perforated with beneath the flag of his country, and expired port-holes all of the adjacent houses and in the hour of victory. History will place the gallant youth's name high on the roll of those who peril their lives in their country's closed a life of honor by a death of glory.

> Our correspondent speaks in terms of feats of bravery from which posterity will entwine a bright garland for the brows of those who have periled their all in their country's

The following article was prepared for our last paper, but was crowded out by the account of the actual revolution which it seemed to us at the time to foreshadow.

FRANCE.-Some of our readers will re-France. At the banquet of the 9th of July

These numerous and imposing meetings, says the Franco American, and the profes-

The conservative journals of Paris were exceedingly alarmed, especially as the meeting refused to drink the King's health.

The following extract from the Journal des Debats represents their views: 'The banquet of the 9th of July will give

A short time before sunset the enemy to the sound of trumpets opened a canonade upon us from a six pounder, cheering the upon us from a six pounder, cheering the cally of my satisfaction in them. I cannot speak too emphatically of my satisfaction in them. I cannot speak too emphatically of my satisfaction in them. I cannot speak too emphatically of my satisfaction in them. I cannot speak too emphatically of the people, which he prefaced with some violent remarks. M. Odillon Barret waved above them waved above the waved above the waved above them waved above the waved ab our friends. Steadily they came on giving meeting. Their speeches were strong in SAN JOSE, February 20, 1848. back the enemies fire as they advanced. - condemnation of the measures of govern-Six,-I continue my report from the 22d There was still a party of the enemy occu- ment, and calculated to rouse the people to